Review on entitlement of Free Local calls to officers

3234. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even today the Central Government employees are allowed 650 calls for two months on their residential telephones provided by office;

(b) if so, when this limit was fixed and whether a review/revision of the same has become overdue, particularly due to the coming up of a variety of packages both by the MTNL/BSNL and other private service providers;

(c) whether Government propose to review the existing instructions in the changed scenario; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This limit was fixed in the year 1982. Review of existing instructions on the subject is under consideration.

(c) Yes.

(d) Not Applicable.

Crackdown on bulk drug importers by DRI

3235. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has unearthed a major racket as part of a crackdown on bulk drug importers avoiding payment of anti-dumping duties;

(b) whether DRI is currently investigating major importers of bulk drugs who are allegedly diverting imports of the local market without paying anti-dumping duties; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against those held responsible and what steps are being taken to check such fraud in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The details of cases booked